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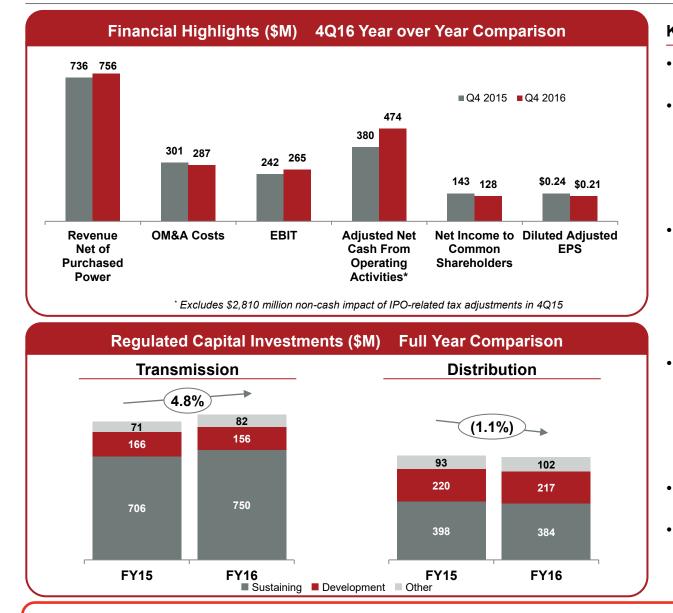
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# Hydro One Limited – Fourth Quarter Financial Summary hydro One

	Fourth Quarter		Full Year			
(\$ millions)	2016	2015	% Change	2016	2015	% Change
Revenue						
Transmission	\$373	\$361	3.3%	\$1,584	1,536	3.1%
Distribution	1,228	1,148	7.0%	4,915	4,949	(0.7%)
Distribution (Net of Purchased Power)	370	362	2.2%	1,488	1,499	(0.7%)
Other	13	13	-	53	53	-
Consolidated	1,614	1,522	6.0%	6,552	6,538	0.2%
Consolidated (Net of Purchased Power)	756	736	2.7%	3,125	3,088	1.2%
Earnings Before Financing Charges and In	come Taxes (El	BIT)				
Transmission	170	140	21.4%	812	748	8.6%
Distribution	111	119	(6.7%)	501	486	3.1%
Other	(16)	(17)	5.9%	(35)	(40)	12.5%
Consolidated	265	242	9.5%	1,278	1,194	7.0%
Net Income <sup>1</sup>	128	143	(10.5%)	721	690	4.5%
Basic Adjusted EPS	\$0.22	\$0.24	(8.3%)	\$1.21	\$1.16	4.3%
Diluted Adjusted EPS	\$0.21	\$0.24	(12.5%)	\$1.21	\$1.16	4.3%
Capital Investments						
Transmission	274	251	9.2%	988	943	4.8%
Distribution	201	198	1.5%	703	711	(1.1%)
Other	2	2	-	6	9	(33.3%)
Consolidated	477	451	5.8%	1,697	1,663	2.0%

# **2016 Fourth Quarter Financial Highlights**

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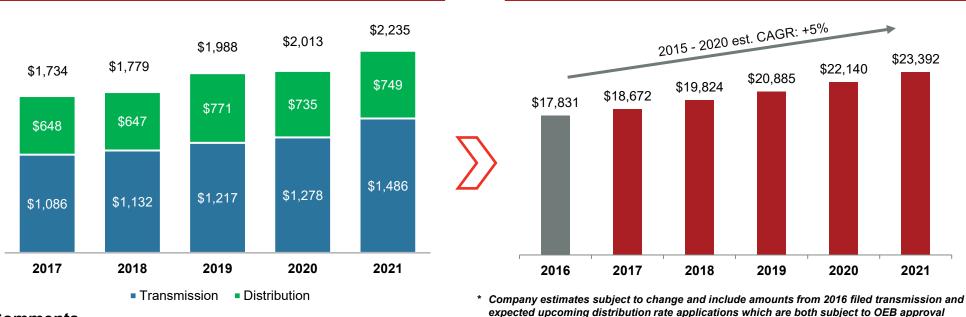
# Key drivers

- Revenue, net of power costs, for 4Q16 and full year increased 2.7% and 1.2%, respectively:
- For the 4Q16, revenues increases reflect:
  - Higher average monthly Ontario 60-minute peak demand from several cold days that offset overall milder weather for the quarter;
  - OEB approved changes to transmission and distribution rates
- Operating cost improvements in 4Q16 from:
  - Lower maintenance costs relating to certain transformer and station equipment;
  - Lower costs related to restoring power services and storm response;
  - Lower project and inventory write-downs
- 4Q16 results were partially offset by:
  - Higher tax expense relating to one-time \$19M benefit recorded 4Q15 associated with IPO related tax adjustment;
  - Higher volume of line corridor vegetation management activities
- 4Q16 capital investments up 5.8% YoY to \$477 million with assets placed in service up 15.2%
- Full year assets placed in service of \$1,605 million together with acquisitions grew rate base 5.4% YoY to \$17.83 billion

Excluding IPO related impacts (recapitalization, Brampton divestiture and tax adjustment) underlying net income growth was positive for both the quarter and full year 2016

# **Updated Regulated Capital Investment Program**

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# Projected Capital Investments\* (\$M)



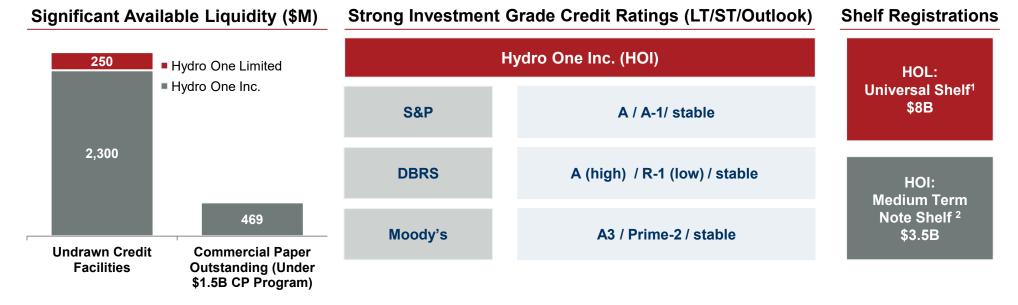
# Comments

- Organic growth underpinned by continued rate base expansion
- Material amounts of deteriorated, end-of-service life infrastructure must be upgraded or replaced
- Estimated annual capital investments expected to reach over \$2 billion
- Little concentration risk as most projects within capex envelope are small to medium relative to total
- Capital expenditures generally not undertaken without reasonable assurance of regulatory recovery
- Equity issuance not anticipated for self-funded planned capital investment program

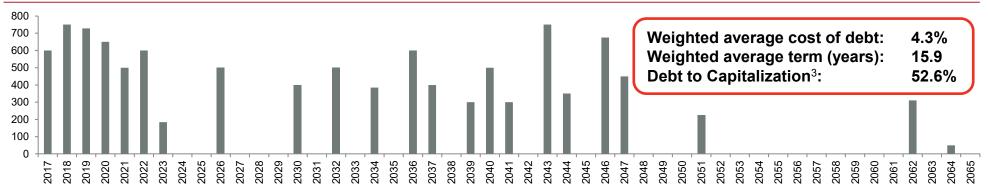
Consistent and predictable organic growth profile underpinned by required replacement of aging infrastructure

# **Strong Balance Sheet and Liquidity at 12/31/2016**

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#### **Debt Maturity Schedule (\$M)**



# Investment grade balance sheet with one of lowest debt costs in utility sector

(1) \$1,970 million was drawn from the Universal Shelf during April 2016 with respect to a secondary share offering by the Province, leaving \$6,030 million remaining available until April 2018.

(2) \$950 million was drawn from the Medium Term Note Shelf during November 2016, leaving \$1,200 million remaining available until January 2018.

(3) Debt to capitalization ratio has been calculated as net debt divided by net debt plus total shareholder's equity, including preferred shares but excluding any amounts related to non-controlling interest.

# **Regulatory Update**



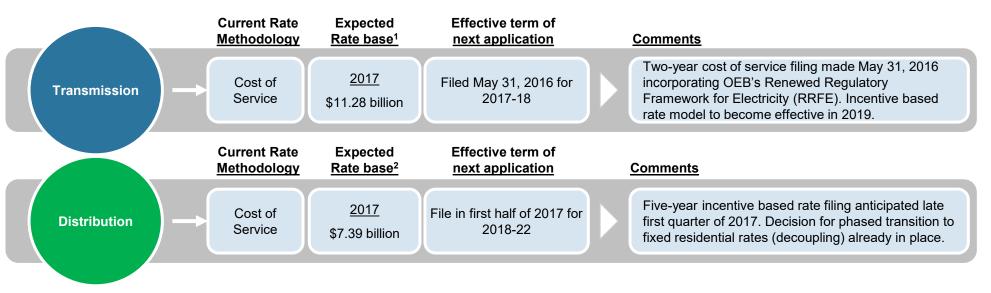
#### 2017 – 2018 Transmission Rate Application

- Oral hearing phase concluded in December
- Final intervener submissions completed February 1
- Final Hydro One reply submissions due in late February
- Decision expected late in the first half of 2017

# Annual Adjustment to Allowed ROE for 2017

#### 2018 – 2022 Distribution Rate Application

- Filing planned for end of first quarter 2017
- Application to be made under the Incentive Rate Mechanism
- Capital investment program updated to reflect customer engagement process and asset condition studies
- Allowed ROE for 2017 formulaically adjusted by OEB for utilities to 8.78% from 9.19% based upon combination of:
  - Decrease in the Canada bond rate/yield forecast from prior year
  - Tighter "A" rated utility bond yield spreads versus prior year
- Allowed ROE will be formulaically readjusted in 4Q17 for both Transmission and Distribution for 2018



# **Overall Regulatory Scan**

(1) Transmission Rate Base includes 100% of B2M JV Rate Base and GLPT (2) Distribution Rate Base includes recent acquisitions and Hydro One Remote Communities

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